International Relations (MA)

This program is offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. It is available online, at the St. Louis main campus and at select international campuses. Please see the Campus Locations and Offerings section of this catalog for a list of campuses where this program is offered.

Program Description

The master of arts (MA) in international relations enables students to analyze the complexities and processes involved in world politics and international affairs. Coursework provides exposure to the key subfields of the discipline and relevant issues such as globalization, human rights, humanitarian action and economic development. The program can help prepare students to compete for work with a governmental agency, an intergovernmental organization, a nongovernmental organization, or a multinational corporation. This program is also recommended for students planning to pursue a PhD or an academic career at another institution.

The degree requires satisfactory completion of 27 credit hours of the INTL curriculum and 9 credit hours of graduate electives for a total of 36 credit hours.

Learning Outcomes

Students who complete this program will be able to:

- Demonstrate a working knowledge of several subfields of the international relations discipline.
- · Demonstrate strong research skills.
- · Critically analyze international events and issues.
- · Apply theories of international relations.
- · Demonstrate effective written communication skills.

Program Curriculum

The 36 credit hours required for the master of arts (MA) in international relations must include the following courses:

- INTL 5000 Introduction to International Relations (3 hours)
- INTL 5100 Research Methods and Perspectives (3 hours)
- INTL 6000 Capstone in International Relations (3 hours)
 or INTL 6250 Thesis* (6 hours) and INTL 6900 University
 Thesis Requirement* (0 hours)
- Two courses from the Comparative Politics Cluster (6 hours)
- Four courses from the International Politics Cluster (12 hours)

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Upon completion of all required credit hours, two separate diplomas are issued at the same time. The two degrees cannot be awarded separately or sequentially under this arrangement.

- BUSN 5000 Business (3 hours)
- MBA 5010 Value Creation (3 hours)
- MBA 5020 Quantitative Methods for the MBA (3 hours)
- MBA 5030 Market Analysis and Business Planning (3 hours)
- MBA 5100 Adding Value through Human Capital (3 hours)
- MBA 5200 The Financial Value of Capital Projects (3 hours)
- MBA 5300 Providing Value to Customers (3 hours)
- MBA 5400 The Supply Chain and Business Processes (3 hours)
- MBA 5500 Information Support for Decision Making (3 hours)
- MBA 5910 Cases in Value Creation (3 hours)
- MBA 5920 Walker Consulting Project: Adding Value to Organizations (3 hours)
- INTL 5000 Introduction to International Relations (3 hours)
- INTL 5100 Research Methods and Perspectives (3 hours)
- INTL 6000 Capstone in International Relations (3 hours)
 or INTL 6250 Thesis* (6 hours) and INTL 6900 University
 Thesis Requirement* (0 hours)
- Two courses from the Comparative Politics Cluster of the MA in international relations (6 hours)
- Four courses from the International Politics Cluster of the MA in international relations (12 hours)

*Students taking INTL 6250 must also register for INTL 6900. Students completing their degree at either the Vienna or Geneva campus must complete INTL 6250 and INTL 6900.

Dual Major Option: National Security Studies/ International Relations

51 Credit Hours

Upon completion of the 51 credits, a single degree is awarded with two major concentrations. The two programs cannot be awarded separately or sequentially under this arrangement.

Required Courses

- INTL 5000 Introduction to International Relations (3 hours)
- NTSC 5000 Introduction to National Security Studies (3 hours)
- INTL 5100 Research Methods and Perspectives (3 hours)
 or NTSC 5100 Research Methods in National Security Studies (3 hours)
- INTL 5590 International Security (3 hours)
- INTL 6000 Capstone in International Relations (3 hours)
 or NTSC 6000 Capstone in National Security Studies (3 hours)

or INTL 6250 Thesis* (6 hours) and INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement* (0 hours)

or NTSC 6250 Thesis in National Security Studies* (6 hours) and INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement* (0 hours)

*Students taking INTL 6250 Thesis or NTSC 6250 Thesis in National Security Studies (6 hours) must also register for INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement (0 hours). INTL 6900 acknowledges successful completion of all thesis requirements including conforming to university and departmental guidelines, as well as depositing the thesis in the University library. The six credit hours for INTL 6250 or NTSC 6250 are drawn from the 3 hours reserved for the NTSC 6000 capstone and 3 elective credit hours in the program.

Electives

- 4 additional courses (12 hours) from the International and Regional Security Track in the MA in national security studies
- 4 courses (12 hours) from electives in other tracks in the MA in national security studies
- 2 courses (6 hours) from the Comparative Politics Cluster of the MA in international relations
- 2 elective courses (6 hours) in the MA in international relations

Admission

See the Admission section of this catalog for general admission requirements. Students interested in applying must submit their application online at www.webster.edu/apply. Transcripts should be sent from your institution electronically to transcripts@webster.edu. If this service is not available, send transcripts to:

Office of Admission Webster University 470 E. Lockwood Ave. St. Louis, MO 63119

Advancement to Candidacy

Students are admitted to their graduate program upon completion of all admission requirements. Students are advanced to candidacy status after successfully completing 12 credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. In specialized programs, courses required as prerequisites to the program do not count toward the 12 credit hours required for advancement.